

Dumont Dunes

The Dumont Dunes Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Area, also referred to as an Open Area, is an exciting and remote area for OHV recreation. Bordered by steep volcanic hills and the slow running

Amargosa River, the region is easily recognized from a distance by its distinctive sand dunes. Although small in area, the dune system reaches over 400 feet above the surrounding desert floor and contains virtually every type of common active sand dune. Three neighboring sand dune systems are the Valjean Dunes to the east, Little Dumont Dunes to the west and Ibex Dunes located within Death Valley Na-



tional Monument. A favorite location among OHV enthusiasts, the dunes also offer fabulous scenery and opportunities for solitude. The vegetation here consists of creosote scrub, some annual grasses, and wildflowers in the spring. The area is hot and arid, with summer high temperatures ranging from 100 to 120 degrees F. Winter low temperatures may drop below freezing with highs in the 70's. Typical of the desert, winds are frequent and strong, and humidity is generally low. For more information see our website at:

http://www.blm.gov/ca/barstow/dumont.html

**Location**  
Dumont Dunes is located 37 miles north of Baker, CA, along State Highway 127. The small towns of Tecopa, Tecopa Hot Springs and Shoshone are 25 to 30 miles north of Dumont. The southeastern corner of Death Valley National Monument is only 6 miles west of the OHV area.

Activities

Most visitors ride motorcycles or ATVs, sand rails, or tour the area in vehicles with four-wheel-drive. The area off Dumont Road is used extensively for OHV and sand rail staging and play. There are many opportunities for hiking, rock scrambling, rock-hounding, and bird- and wildlife-watching in the hills away from the dunes. The Kingston Range Wilderness borders the riding area to the north. This area is **closed** to motor vehicles. Travel outside the riding area to the south and east is permitted only on designated routes and only with street-legal vehicles.

Wildlife

The desert animals, while sparse in the OHV area, are typical of much of the Mojave Desert including the zebra-tailed lizard, desert iguana, sidewinder, kangaroo rat, coyote, golden eagle, common raven, and horned lark. Currently the fringe toed lizard is under very close watch. A conservation plan is being discussed to help protect this lizard's habitat at the dunes.

Dumont Dunes Fee Schedule

- \$30 for a weekly pass for any non-holiday week
- \$40 for a weekly pass that includes a holiday
- \$90 for a season pass with holiday black-out dates
- \$120 for a season pass that includes holidays

The season runs from October 1st through September 30th. Holiday weekends are Halloween, Thanksgiving, New Years, President's Day and Martin Luther King weekend. It is highly recommended that you purchase your pass prior to your arrival at Dumont Dunes. Funds generated by these fees are used to provide the many recreational services at Dumont Dunes. For an updated vendor list call (760) 252-6000 or see our website at:

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Barstow Field Office



Emergency Services

If **Emergency Services** are required, your first response should be to **call 911**. The nearest Ranger can be contacted by calling the **Federal Interagency Communication Center (FICC)** at **(909) 383-5651** or **(888) 233-6518**.

Lost Person

If a member of your party becomes lost, don't panic. Make a note of where the person was last seen and at what time. Call 911 to report the situation.

Injured Person

It is usually best not to transport an injured person away from an accident scene before medical personnel arrive. Moving a victim improperly can make an injury worse, particularly when the injury is to the head, neck, or back area. If possible, send someone or call 911 to report the incident.

Nearest Hospitals

University Medical Center 1800 W. Charleston Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89102 (702) 383-2000	Pahrump Valley Medical Center 360 S. Lola Ln. Pahrump, NV 89102 (775) 751-7500
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Phone Numbers

BLM Barstow Field Office	(760) 252-6000
Group, Event, Permit Information	(760) 252-6041
Filming/Photography Permit Information	(951) 779-6700
BLM Volunteer Program	(760) 252-6011
Dumont Dune Riders	www.dumontduneriders.com

**Food, fuel and most necessities are available in Baker, Shoshone, and Pahrump, NV. Cellular phone service is intermittent at Dumont Dunes and is not reliable in all locations.**

Managed By;

United States Department of the Interior  
Bureau Of Land Management  
2601 Barstow Road  
Barstow, California 92311

http://www.blm.gov/ca/barstow

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Dune Etiquette

- NEVER ride alone
- Do NOT wheelie where there are other duners present
- NEVER let anyone push you to ride faster than your ability
- NEVER go straight over the crest of a dune
- Use caution when riding around noon or at night. The dunes can be hard to read & end without notice. NEVER overdrive your line of sight.
- ALWAYS check and make sure your passengers' seat belts are securely and correctly fastened. Their safety is YOUR job
- ALWAYS use a spotter when jumping
- NEVER sit or take a break at the bottom of a dune where approaching duners cannot see you
- ALWAYS wear the proper safety gear
- BE AWARE of your surroundings
- Try and fill-in the "kiddie tracks/wormholes". They are very dangerous.

- Don't cut through other people's campsites.
- Be considerate of other duners.
- Do not cone or rope off finger dunes near your camp (especially with metal stakes—they are very dangerous).
- Leave enough room between your camp and the next for duners to get through.
- Don't cut through other duners' lines of quads or rails while on a ride. Pick a different line or circle around till they pass.
- Leave your camp as clean or cleaner than when you got there.
- Pack it in, pack EVEN MORE out if need be.
- Slow down near other people's campsites.
- Respect nearby camps at night by keeping loud radios, generators, etc. off from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
- Kids under 16 should always be supervised. Parents should take responsibility for their kid's actions.
- Please do not dump your trash in the dumpsters of the nearby town of Tecopa (those dumpsters are for Tecopa residents only and fill up fast).
- If borrowing anything from a fellow duner, be sure to bring it back in the same condition and in a timely manner.

*Above safety and etiquette information from Dumont Dune Riders website at www.dumontduneriders.com*



## IMPORTANT RULES & REGULATIONS

- Only one person at a time is allowed on an ATV.
- Everyone must wear an approved safety helmet when riding an ATV
- OHVs are to stay at a maximum speed of 15 MPH when within 50 feet of a campsite, animals, or pedestrians
- It is illegal for anyone who is under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs to operate an OHV
- Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult or under direct supervision while riding an ATV
- All OHVs must have a mast and red or orange flag for visibility in the dunes.
- If you are Not a resident of California and your OHV is not registered in your name state, you are required to have a Non Resident OHV permit, issued by California Department of Parks and Recreation, to operate your vehicle in the State of California
- OHVs must be equipped with an approved muffler, and spark arrester in compliance with CA sound standards
- Vehicles operated at night must use both headlights and taillights.

## HOUSEKEEPING RULES

- Glass Containers are prohibited in the Dumont Dunes area
- It is illegal to possess and/or discharge fireworks
- Firewood containing nails, screws, and other metal hardware is prohibited at all Barstow Area OHV Open Areas, including Dumont Dunes.
- Burning of tires, magnesium, wires, petroleum products or any other hazardous or explosive material is prohibited
- The dumping of sewage or black water is prohibited. Dump Stations are available in Baker.

